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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION
COMMENTS INVITED ON NEW ENGLAND AREA (REGION 19)
PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT

(GEN. DOCKET NO. 90-53)

Comment Date: November 5, 2004
22, 2004

Reply Date: November

On March 10, 2004, the Region 19 (New England) 800 MHz Radio Planning Committee submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Plan (Plan) that would revise the current channel allotments to reflect changes made as a result of its eleventh and twelfth window application process (Region 19 Plan Amendment or Plan Amendment). The requested amendments contained in Region 19's "WINDOW ELEVEN CHANNEL ALLOCATIONS," attached as Appendix 1, propose modification of the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments for the City of Biddeford, Maine; City of Hartford, Connecticut; and the Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut. The requested amendments contained in Region 19's "WINDOW TWELVE CHANNEL ALLOCATIONS," attached as Appendix 2, propose modification of the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments for the Massachusetts State Police – Brimfield, Massachusetts and Truro, Massachusetts; and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority – Boston, Massachusetts.

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.¹ The Public Safety Plan for Region 19, which was adopted by the Commission on April 26, 1990,

¹ See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/866-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, *Report and Order*, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

governs the use of frequency assignments in the 821-824/866-869 MHz within the New England area.²

Prior to taking action on the Region 19 Plan Amendment, by this Public Notice, we solicit comments on the Plan Amendment. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **November 5, 2004** and reply comments on or before **November 22, 2004**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.³

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and should reference **General Docket No. 90-53**. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings may be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings or electronic media for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial and electronic media sent by overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The full text of the Plan Amendment, comments and reply comments, will be available for inspection and duplication during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (RIC) of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies also may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160, facsimile (202) 488-5563 or via e-mail fcc@bcpiwcb.com. For further information regarding the public reference file for this Plan Amendment, contact Maria Ringold, Chief, Wireless Branch, RIC, (202) 418-1355. The Region 19 Amendment Requests may also be viewed on-line by accessing the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) and

² See New England Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, Gen. Docket 90-53, 5 FCC Rcd 2844 (1990).

³ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

initiating a search of the records for General Docket No. 90-53.

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